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Washington.  
[Correspondence of the Herald.]  
WASHINGTON, May 2, 1846.

*Delay in the Consular Appointments—Reasons  
Thereof—Applicants for Havana and Havre-  
Cave Johnson and the Contractors—Coleman's  
Catering—Naval Orders, Promotions, &c. &c.*

I have been informed that the delay which has  
occurred in the appointment of foreign Consuls to

ceeded those now holding office, and which delay has been very much to the chagrin of the about one hundred applicants for each consularship, has arisen from the representations of Mr. Buchanan, who avers that if, as it has been intended, a great number of these officers be removed and replaced at once, and suddenly, it will be much to the detriment of the commerce of the nation. Whether this will be any satisfaction to the almost numberless applicants or not, I cannot tell; but it is, I believe, the case. The revenue and disappointed individuals who are so

very willing to serve their country abroad, as to be desirous of accepting the small Consulate at Havana, must wait yet a considerable time. Mr. Campbell will not be removed for months, if at all. The legion, too, who desire Mr. Beasley to be removed from Havana, are themselves appointed as a reward for their "disinterested" exertions for the army, will be disappointed.

Cave Johnson and Mr. Hobbie, the first Assistant Postmaster General, have been engaged all day yes-

day and to-day, in declaring the bids and making explanations to Contractors, Corrections, &c. The contractors speak in very high terms of Mr. Johnson's urbanity and attention. They have been so greedily disappointed in their expectation of finding him a disagreeable, cross old curmudgeon, that

they are willing to acknowledge they have heretofore misjudged him. Mr. Johnson will prove himself an able and indefatigable officer, and earn the thanks of the people.

Coleman, of the National Hotel, had lamb and green peas, and fresh lobsters, and strawberries and cream, all on his table at dinner to-day. What better example can be required?

The following orders have been issued by Mr. Hancock, the Secretary of the Navy:—

NAVAL ORDERS, MAY 1.

Commodore James Biddle, to command U. S. East India squadron.

Lieut. Henry Moor, to command U. S. New York, for ordnance duty.

Surgeon W. A. W. Spotswood, to Vandalia.

Surgeon H. Pinckney, to discharge the duty of Surgeon of Rendezvous, together with his own as Surgeon of National Station and Receiving ship at Baltimore.

Passed Midshipman Robert Townsend, to U. S. schooner On-ondaga, Acting Master.

Sailing-master Robert A. Cassin, to Navy Yard at Philadelphia.

Passed Midshipman M. Thompson, to duty in

Lieutenant F. S. Haggerty, detached from Coast Survey.

Surgeon S. Sharp, leave renewed three months.  
Purser W. A. Bloodgood, leave from U. S. steamer  
Michigan for one month.  
Passed Midshipman R. D. Izard, furlough for 6 months  
from May 1, with permission to visit Europe.  
Midshipman George H. Hare, leave renewed, two

months (sick.)  
Midshipman A. H. Otis, leave renewed, one month (sick.)  
Surgeon J. F. Sickells, leave renewed, three months (sick.)  
Purser McK. Buchanan, furlough till further orders.

PROMOTIONS.

Passed Midshipmen C. Van Alstine, A. G. Clary, and F. L. Chipman, to be Lieutenants, vice Lieutenants Samuel Lockhart and George M. Hooe, deceased; and Wm.

D. Hurst, dismissed.

**APPOINTMENTS.**

John Y. Mason, jr. to be a purser, vice R. S. Moore, deceased.

Washington Sherman, to be an Assistant Surgeon, vice Wm. Pitt Canning, deceased.

Wm. Arnold, to be an Acting Gunner.

**RESIGNED.**

Midshipman H. H. Harrison.

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**Trial of Wilkes—A Verdict.**  
The case of *Dinsman, et al. vs. Wilkes*, was submitted to the jury last evening at 7 o'clock, and to-day, between 2 and 3 o'clock they returned a verdict as follows:—  
In the case of *Owen Roberts*, the jury fully acquitted *Captain Wilkes*.  
In the case *Dinsman*, *Wilkes* is also justified in all his

Another marine trial was brought up to-day. Patrick Burns, against Gen. Henderson—the General having made Patrick work in his private garden, which Patrick thinks was not consistent with his line of duty as a marine. Counsel for Patrick, Messrs. Wal-

The jury have just gone out, and the mail is just going, so that we are cut short. We shall transmit you this evening a voluminous report in the case of Wilkes, which cannot fail to be of interest to your readers.

GEORGE.

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WASHINGTON CITY, May 1st, 1845.

Although accustomed for many years to the grossest

and most scandalous misrepresentations on the part of letter-writers and paragraphists in general, it has never been my fate yet to be made the subject of a more dangerously and unprovoked attack as that contained in a letter from one of your Washington correspondents, dated the 28th inst. In that letter, Sir, (presenting the ostensible designation of Count to be meant for me), your unknown correspondent seeks to produce the impression that Mr. John Tyler, Jr., Cap. Shaw, and myself, did, while in a state of excitement, commit an unjust assault upon the person of a creole, from the Island of Cuba, which I pro-

The occurrence alluded to by your correspondent in such perversity of spirit, took place at Coleman's Hotel, on Wednesday evening, the 23d instant, and not on the 25th, as stated by him. The two gentlemen who accompanied me, as well as myself, had been quietly spending the evening with a family in the neighborhood, and on our way home, stopped at Coleman's to refresh our spirits. On entering the bar-room, one of our party, Captain Shaw, was accosted in a very familiar manner, by

Spaniard, whom we all recognized at once as a person of disreputable character. The gentleman thus approached gave the intruder to understand, in the mildest and most offensive language, that his company was not desired. From this moment the Spaniard became very offensive in his deportment, and personally abusive towards Captain Shaw, who, after bearing every manner of provocation with praise-worthy calmness and self-possession, threatened to punish the intruder unless he desisted from his importunities forthwith. At this, the Spaniard went out

were about to step into a revolving pistol, and attempt as we  
 were to provoke Capt. S. to a breach of the peace.  
 At this moment, and not till then, did I interfere between  
 the parties, and that only to prevent a collision, which  
 from the grossness of the provocation, might have led to  
 fatal results. Such, sir, are the simple facts, out of which  
 your correspondent has manufactured such a monstrous  
 issue of falsehood and absurdity. It was just such a riot  
 as any man might have been entrapped into, no matter  
 how retiring his habits—how pure his character, or se-

As you are not answerable for the misrepresentations of designing correspondents, I trust to your impartiality and sense of justice for an early insertion of the above, and remain,

Your very obedient servant,  
FITZGERALD TASISTRO.

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**Philadelphia.**

[Correspondence of the Herald.]

PHILADELPHIA, May 3d, 1848.

The excitement occasioned by the war meeting in this city, has not subsided, and the factions are arrayed against each other in a decidedly warlike attitude. The idea of such a man as Thomas McCully supplanting with Charles J. Ingersoll the post of chief officer of a meeting got up for the purpose of giving shape and form and tangibility to the sentiments of our people upon the subject of our

These relations, is supremely ridiculous, and shows that the real object of the movement on the part of his supporters, was merely the manufacture of political capital. Not that dignified kind of capital which has for it object the success of a great party ; but that paltry and pestilent capital which looks solely to personal advancement , which is made subservient to mere office begging, and which, from its extreme littleness, has heaped so much

dition upon the party politics of the day. People have heretofore condemned parties because they were unable to single out the hucksters who gave to their political movements this peculiar character. Yesterday, however, they had the opportunity of making the distinction, so far as the democratic party is concerned, and are giving expression to their opinions in a way not to be misunderstood. Those would-be leaders who engaged in personal brawls in order to advance their claims to office, have overplayed themselves, and their downfall

ill be as signal as their selfishness and impudence was manifest yesterday. If Mr. Buchanan selects these men as his standard-bearers, good bye to his popularity in Pennsylvania. Well may he exclaim, from the specimen of the manner in which they have already attempted to manage his interests, "save me from my friends." To Thomas McCully and his clique, may be attributed the sole cause of the strength of nativism in the first Congressional district. They first persuaded the Irish that they were their peculiar friends, and made each of them swear out the others.

his abuse sprung a movement, which at length ripened into nativism, just as the Carroll Hall demagoguism of Bishop Hughes produced the native movement in New York. But our Southwark movement would not have reduced nativism, nor would that faction have been successful, but for the continued intrigues of this dishonest